

STATE OF TENNESSEE EXECUTIVE ORDER BY THE GOVERNOR

Number 31

AN ORDER RENEWING THE EXISTING STATE OF EMERGENCY IN TENNESSEE DECLARED IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE KATRINA

WHEREAS, in response to the emergency conditions existing in Tennessee in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, I directed the enactment of the Tennessee Emergency Management Plan on August 29, 2005, thereby declaring a state of emergency in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 58-2-107(b) provides that no state of emergency may continue for longer than sixty (60) days unless renewed by the governor. Therefore, unless renewed, the state of emergency declared on August 29, 2005, will expire on Friday, October 28, 2005; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2005, the President of the United States granted the State of Tennessee's request for an emergency declaration under the federal Stafford Act. This federal state of emergency remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee continues to provide housing and related to services to thousands of evacuees from both Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, the state of Tennessee continues to deploy both personnel and resources to the states directly impacted by these hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, based on the ongoing status of these relief efforts, and pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 58-2-107, I have determined that a state of emergency continues to exist in the state of Tennessee.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and law, hereby order and direct the following:

1. The state of emergency declared through the enactment of the Tennessee Emergency Management Plan on August 29, 2005, is hereby renewed. This state of emergency will remain in effect until I have determined that the emergency conditions no longer exist; provided that in no event will the state of emergency continue for longer than sixty (60) additional days, unless specifically renewed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 26th day of October, 2005.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE